

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 12/5/00)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Amending Youth Commission Bylaws (Resolution R00-191)

Attached for your consideration is Resolution R00-191 which amends the bylaws of the York County Youth Commission. A copy of the bylaws with proposed changes as noted is also attached to facilitate your review.

Staff advises that the eight commissioners present at the November 1, 2000 monthly meeting voted unanimously in favor of these changes, which are summarized as follows:

- a. Article III. Membership: Section 1. Appointments
The Board of Supervisors may appoint "up to fifteen" student members to the Youth Commission instead of the current total of ten. This is in response to the Board's expressed desire at a recent work session to increase membership to give more students the opportunity of participating on the commission. The Board retains flexibility in making its appointments, which is especially important during years when the number of applicants is low. No minimum number of commissioners is established. "Three members" will be appointed from each district "provided each district has at least three qualified candidates." Additionally, "The Board may appoint members at-large whenever one or more districts have fewer than three appointees." Of course, the Board can always extend the application process whenever dissatisfied with the overall number and/or quality of the applications.
- b. Article V. Standing Committees
A third standing committee, the "Student Relations Committee," is established, and would coordinate matters involving "the communication of youth issues and ideas." This would include youth forums, surveys, and the like. This committee would also handle events "focusing on youth development," which would cover items such as the recent "Youth Week" project and other educational/motivational ventures. The proposed changes also clarify the mission of the Special Projects Committee.

Recommendation

I recommend adopting Resolution R00-191 to increase the Youth Commission's membership to up to fifteen students and to enhance its standing committees.

If the Board has need of additional information or desires other staff action, please advise.

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Attachments: 1. Youth Commission Bylaws with proposed changes noted

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2. Resolution R00-191